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Rural Development to host community meeting

RIPLEY, Tenn., April 6, 2010 — USDA Rural Development Acting Area Director Kathy Brantley announced a community meeting to discuss Rural Development programs available in Lauderdale County and southwest Tenn. on April 13 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Ripley City Court Building, 114 South Washington Street in Ripley. The meeting is free and open to the public. No reservation is required.

USDA Rural Development invests in jobs, businesses, community infrastructure, homeownership and affordable rental housing in rural communities. Last year Rural Development assisted more than 866,000 Tennessee families and businesses with more than \$619 million in affordable loans, loan guarantees and grants.

For more information on the meeting or USDA Rural Development programs available in southwest Tenn. contact the Rural Development Area Office in Jackson at 731-668-2091, ext. 2, toll free at 1-800-342-3149 ext. 1495 or visit us online at www.rurdev.usda.gov/tn.

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